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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Executive for P&A

Subject: CIG PORTION OF 1948 NAVAL APPROPRIATION ACT

1. The method by which the Navy Department would make its contribution to CIG in the fiscal year 1948 has been discussed with representatives of the Navy Office of Fiscal Director, Bureau of the Budget, General Accounting Office and CIG. It was agreed that the sum to be contributed would be placed without identification in a major limitation of the Naval Appropriation Act.

2. In order to give CIG unrestricted use of this fund for its own purposes, the following language has been proposed to be placed in an additional section of the general provisions in the Naval Appropriation Act:

> "Section ---. The Secretary may advance by check to the Director of Central Intelligence such portions of the foregoing appropriations as the National Intelligence Authority may determine, and sums so advanced shall be available for the fiscal year 1948 in a common fund, at the seat of Government and elsewhere, for all necessary expenses of the Central Intelligence Group, without regard to Section 3709, Revised Statutes, or other provisions of law or regulations governing the employment of personnel and the expenditure of Government funds."

It is the opinion of those concerned that this will permit transfer of Naval funds by a single check to a working fund similar to that presently employed. It is proposed that somewhat similar provisions, particularly references to the common fund, will be incorporated in the appropriation acts of other departments contributing to CIG in order to permit the simplest handling of the fund with but a single limitation.

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3. If the section proposed above is approved, it should be forwarded to the Office of the Fiscal Director in the Executive Office of the Secretary of the Navy, addressed to the attention of Mr. Marx Leva, Room 1026, Main Navy Building. He in turn will forward it to the Bureau of the Budget, requesting that it be incorporated in the Naval Appropriation Act for 1948. Mr. Silberman of GAO has requested a copy of the approved section for their files to facilitate handling any transfers. He should be addressed at General Accounting Office, Room 133, 5th & F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

LAWRENCE H. HOUSTON
General Counsel

cc: Mr. Saunders

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